

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A data loading tool operable on a computer system for loading a target database, comprising:

an initialization component operable to obtain a tables list that identifies
tables of a source database, wherein an order in which the tables are
listed in the tables list identifies a relational association of the tables in
the source database;

the initialization component further operable to receive requested test data,
identify a first table in the tables list, related information, identify search
the first table by a primary key of the first table to locate of a first table of
a source database in accordance with the requested test data-related
information, identify at least one secondary key of the first table, and
identify a first data that is related to the requested test data by
associating the at least one secondary key of the first table with the
location of the requested test data in the primary key of the first table,

the initialization component further operable to identify locate a second table
in the tables list with a primary key of the second table that is the at least
one secondary key of the first table, identify at least one secondary key
of the second table, and identify second data that is related to the
requested data by associating the at least one secondary key of the
second table with a location of the first data in the primary key of the
second table, of the source database relationally associated with the

~~first table using data associated with the secondary key of the first table;~~
and

the initialization component further operable to generate a load file that
maintains a record of tables, keys, and data identified by the initialization
component in an order that maintains a relational integrity of the source
database includes the primary key of the first table, data related to the
primary key of the first table, a primary key of the second table, and the
data related to the secondary key of the first table;

a control generator operable to generate at least one control file related to the
source database;

an extractor component operable to extract data from the source database
based on the load file; and

a loader component operable to load the data extracted by the extractor
component into the target database utilizing the at least one control file,
wherein the data loaded into the target database maintains the relational
~~association of data in~~ integrity of the source database.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The data loading tool of Claim 1, wherein the control
generator generates a plurality of control files, at least one of the control files
having information related to a structure of the source database.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The data loading tool of Claim 1, wherein the at least one of the control file generated by the control generator is further defined as a data file with data structures that are void of data and wherein the extractor component extracts data from the database and writes the data to the data structures of the data file.

7-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of loading a target database, comprising:

providing an indication of data that is desired to be loaded in the target database;

providing a table list identifying a plurality of tables of a source database in an order specifying a relational aspect between the plurality of tables;

identifying a first table in the tables list;

searching the first table by a primary key of the first table to locate list with the ~~indication to identify a first table containing a first portion of the data that~~ is desired to be loaded in the target database;

identifying a secondary key of the first table;

associating the secondary key of the first table with the location of the first ~~portion of data in the primary key of the first table first portion of the data~~ to identify a second portion of the data that is desired to be loaded in the target database;

~~searching the table list using the second portion of the data to identify~~ identifying a second table in the tables list that is relationally associated with the first table;

identifying a secondary key of the second table;

associating the secondary key of the second table with a location of the ~~second portion of~~ ~~[[the]] data~~ in a primary key of the second table to identify a third portion of the data that is desired to be loaded in the target database;

generating a load file that maintains a record of tables, keys, and data that have been identified in an order that maintains a relational integrity of the source database ~~identifying at least the first table, the second table, and the first, second, and third portions of the data that is desired to be loaded in the target database;~~

generating a control file based on the source database and a data file;

extracting data from the source database to the data file in ~~[[an]]~~the order specified in the load file; and

loading the data from the data file to the target database using the control file and the table list, wherein the data loaded to the target database maintains the relational integrity of the source database ~~aspect.~~

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein providing the table list further comprises:

providing a graphical user interface identifying the plurality of tables of the database;

selecting at least one of the tables provided in the graphical user interface;
and

providing the selected at least one table in the table list, wherein the selected at least one table in the table list is the first table.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein providing the indication of data that is desired to be loaded further comprises:

providing an input portion of a graphical user interface operable to receive input; and

inputting the indication of data that is desirably loaded in the target database into the input portion of the graphical user interface.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein the control file is based on at least a portion of a structure of the source database.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein the second key of the first table is a primary key of the second table.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of testing an application using a test database, comprising:

providing a table list identifying at least some of the tables of a source database;

generating a load list including a table name related to at least one of the tables in the table list, a key name related to a primary key of the at least one table and a portion of data associated with the primary key, using the primary key and the portion of data to identify a secondary key of the at least one table and a second portion of data in the at least one table, identifying another of the tables in the table list with the secondary key as a primary key of the other table and the second portion of data associated with the primary key of the other table, using the primary key of the other table and the second portion of data to identify a secondary key of the other table and a third portion of data in the other table, wherein the load list further includes a table name of the other table in the table list, a key name related to the primary key of the other table, and the second portion of data associated with the primary key of the other table;

generating at least one control file based on a structure of the source database;

extracting at least some of the data from the source database to a data file using the load list; and

loading the at least some of the data from the data file to the test database
based on the load list and using the at least one control file;
testing the application using the test database.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein the portion of data and the second portion of data is further defined as associated with a data desirable for testing via the test database

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising associating the secondary key of the at least one table with the primary key of the other table based on a relational association of the at least one table and the other table of the source database.

23. (Previously Presented) The method tool of Claim 19, further comprising providing a plurality of key names and searching the at least one table for one of the plurality of key names to locate the secondary key.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The data loading tool of claim 1, wherein the test data related information is one of the primary key of the first table or the data related to the primary key of the first table.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The data loading tool of claim 1, wherein the initialization component is further operable to identify a plurality of secondary keys of the first table, and for each of the plurality of secondary keys, identify data that is related to the requested test data by associating a corresponding one of the plurality of secondary keys with the location of the requested data in the primary key of the first table-locate a plurality of additional tables of the source database relationally associated with the first table using data associated with the plurality of secondary keys of the first table, and generate the load file to also include a primary key of each of the additional tables, and the data associated with the plurality of secondary keys of the first table.

28. (Currently Amended) The data loading tool of claim 1, wherein the initialization component is further operable to identify a secondary key of the second table, locate a third table in the tables list relationally associated with the second table, identify a secondary key of the third table, and identify third data that is related to the requested test data by associating the secondary key of the third table with a location of the second data in a primary key of the third table using data associated with the secondary key of the second table, and generate the load file to also include a primary key of the third table and the data associated with the secondary key of the second table.

29-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the data file initially includes data structures for the data that is desirably loaded in the target database in accordance with the structure of the source database, and wherein the data extractor populates the data structures of the data file.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the indication of data that is desired to be loaded in the target database is the first portion of the data that is desired to be loaded in the target database.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the indication of data that is desired to be loaded in the target database is [[a]]the primary key of the first table.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein generating the load list further includes identifying a third table in the table list with the secondary key of the second table as a primary key of the third table and the third portion of data associated with the primary key of the third table, using the primary key of the third table and the third portion of data to identify a secondary key of the third table and a fourth portion of data in the third table, wherein the load list further includes a table name of the third table in the table list, a key name related to the primary key of the third table, and the third portion of data associated with the primary key of the third table.